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Kentucky Veterans Cemeteries To Participate In Wreaths Across America

*Ceremony Will Remember the Fallen, Honor Those Who Serve,
And Teach Children the Value of Freedom*

(HOPKINSVILLE, RADCLIFF and WILLIAMSTOWN, KY, December 10, 2008)

Please join your community and Kentucky's three state veterans cemeteries in a national ceremony that shows gratitude for the past, current, and forthcoming sacrifices our veterans and their families make for our Nation.

Wreaths Across America is a non-profit organization that began over 15 years ago when Worcester Wreath Company started placing wreaths on the headstones of fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery. Today, the tradition continues as the Civil Air Patrol, the Patriot Guard Riders and other civic organizations place wreaths during a special observance at each of the over 230 State and National Cemeteries, and Veterans Monuments nationwide.

The national ceremony will begin at **12:00 p.m. EST** (11:00 a.m. CST) on **Saturday, Dec. 13th** at each cemetery concurrently, including Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville. However, Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North in Williamstown and Kentucky

Veterans Cemetery Central in Radcliff will hold their ceremonies on Friday, Dec. 12, to accommodate participating local schools and veterans groups.

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North opened less than four months ago, on August 22. For its first Wreaths Across America ceremony, the daughter of a local veteran collected donations for the wreaths. Members of VFW Post 6423 will help staff place the wreaths. The event is planned for 11 a.m., although that time may change to accommodate burials.

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North serves veterans from a 75-mile radius of the cemetery, including southern Ohio. You do not have to be a resident of Kentucky to be interred at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North. Eligible veterans and dependents incur no cost for interment in state or federal veterans cemeteries.

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North is located off I-75 at mile marker one hundred fifty-four (154) in Williamstown.

If you would like more information about the cemetery or Friday's ceremony, please call or email Cemetery Director Al Duncan at 859-823-0720, Alvin.duncan@ky.gov.

The ceremony at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central in Radcliff will be held at 9:30 a.m. EST on Friday, Dec. 12th. Students of the journalism class of East Hardin Middle School teacher Mary Carruthers will place wreaths donated by the Patriot Guard Motorcycle Club.

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central serves veterans mostly from a 75-mile radius of the cemetery, including parts of Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. It also serves as the Active Duty cemetery for soldiers and their dependents serving at nearby Fort Knox. The cemetery is located adjacent to Fort Knox, at 2501 North Dixie Boulevard (U.S. 31W.)

For further information about the ceremony in Radcliff, please call the cemetery at (270) 351-5115.

The ceremony at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West will be held at 11 a.m. CST on Saturday, Dec. 13th at the Committal Shelter. During the ceremony, wreaths representing veterans from each branch of service will be placed beside the branch's corresponding service flag. The ceremony will be conducted by Capt. Wilson Polidura of the KY-216 Ft. Campbell Composite Squadron. Cemetery Director, Richard Stanley, will also be in attendance.

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West (KVCW) serves veterans mostly from a 75-mile radius of the cemetery, including parts of Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, and Indiana and also

serves as the Active Duty cemetery for soldiers and their dependents serving at nearby Fort Campbell. The cemetery is the final resting place for ten active duty soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice during the war in Iraq. The cemetery is located just south of Hopkinsville at 5817 Fort Campbell Boulevard (US Highway 41A) at mile marker 11.

For further information about the ceremony, please contact either Capt. Wilson Polidura at (931) 358-9881 or the cemetery at (270) 889-6106.